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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: PINS, BU
SUBJECT: BULGARIAN AMNESTY

1. BULGARIAN PRESS MARCH 2 ANNOUNCED DECISION BY COUNCIL
OF STATE TO DECLARE AMNESTY IN HONOR OF 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF LIBERATION OF BULGARIA FROM OTTOMAN RULE. PRESS REPORT SAID
THAT DECREES HAD BEEN ADOPTED, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION
"NATURE AND GRAVITY OF CRIMES COMMITTED, NATURE OF SENTENCE,
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PORTION OF SENTENCE ALREADY SERVED, DEGREE OF IMPROVEMENT
OF SENTENCED PERSON, AND EXTENT OF RESTORATION OF DAMAGES."
(SUCH DECREES ARE PUBLISHED IN GOVERNMENT GAZETTE,
"DURZHAVEN VESTNIK," NEXT ISSUE OF WHICH WOULD NORMALLY
APPEAR MARCH 3, WHICH IS, HOWEVER, A HOLIDAY.)

2. SUCH DECREES NORMALLY HAVE CATEGORIES, NOT NAMES OF

PRISONERS, AND DO NOT INCLUDE NUMBERS. BULGARIA CLAIMS
IT HAS NO "POLITICAL PRISONERS" BUT CATEGORIES MAY INDICATE
IF PRISONERS THAT WE WOULD CONSIDER POLITICAL ARE INCLUDED
IN AMNESTY.

3. PRESS REPORT CALLED AMNESTY "HUMANE ACT" AND "AN
OPPORTUNITY . . . FOR BEGINNING OF SOCIALLY USEFUL LABOR
BY CITIZENS OF COUNTRY WHO HAVE SWERVED FROM SOCIALIST
LAWFULNESS." SUCH AN AMNESTY WAS EXPECTED BY SOME OBSERVERS
LAST SEPTEMBER 9, BUT WAS SAVED FOR MARCH 3, FIRST AND
PERHAPS ONLY TIME THAT DAY OF SIGNATURE OF 1878 TREATY OF
SAN STEFANO WILL BE CELEBRATED AS NATIONAL HOLIDAY.
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